

Application No.: 10/576,030
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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group XVI, Claims 35-46. This election is made with traverse.

This election is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 35-46 is respectfully requested.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.

| Serial Number | Title | Filed |
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| 11/719509 | HERBICIDE-RESISTANCE GENE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF | 16-May-2007 |
| 11/995104 | METHOD FOR FERMENTATIVE PRODUCTION OF N-ACETYL-D-GLUCOSAMINE BY MICROORGANISM | 08-Jan-2008 |

Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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